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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: BOMBING OF NATIONAL MONUMENT: MORE DETAILS

REF: KL 5085

1. AUG 27 PRESS ACCOUNTS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS
TO YESTERDAY'S EXPLOSION WHICH SEVERELY DAMAGED NATIONAL MONUMENT.
BASED ON EVIDENCE FOUND AT SCENE (INCLUDING TWO MOTORCYCLE CRASH
HELMETS, TWO LICENSE PLATES, REPORTEDLY SOMEK IDENTITY PAPERS,
TRAIL OF BLOOD LEADING AWAY FROM TOP OF MONUMENT, TWO RED FLAGS
AND TWO UNEXPLODED GELIGNITE BOMBS) AUTHORITIES BELIEVE EX-
PLOSION WENT OFF PREMATURELY, INJURING AT LEAST ONE OF THE
SABOTEURS. (THEORY HAS IT PLAN WAS TO BOOBY-TRAP FLAG ON STATUE
TO GO OFF AT 6:00 AM. REVILLE CEREMONY.) POLICE ARE
ATTRIBUTING INCIDENT O MALAYAN NATIONA LIBERATION FRONT
(MNLF - FRONT GROUP FOR COMMUNIST PARTY MALAYS MAIN GROUP)
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AND ARE SEARCHING FOR FOUR SUSPECTS, ONE BELIEVED TO BE A

WOMAN. ONE SUSPECT IS IDENTIFIED BY NAME AND ADDRESS, APPARENTLY FROM IDENTITY PAPERS, AS A 25 YEAR OLD ETHNIC CHINESE FROM JOHORE STATE. THIS INFORMATION AND PHOTO HAVE BEEN FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN LOCAL MEDIA, AS HAS POLICE OFFER OF SIZEABLE REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST OF SUSPECTS.

2. FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, WHO CONCEIVED IDEA FOR MONUMENT, WAS QUOTED AS DESCRIBING BOMBING AS "ONE OF THE MOST WANTON DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY -- THE NATIONAL TREASURE WHICH TAKES PRIDE OF PLACE NEXT ONLY TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND MESJID NEGARA (NATIONAL MOSQUE)." OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ECHOED THIS THEME.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AUTHORITIES QUITE CONCERNED OTHER TERRORIST "SPECTACULARS" MAY OCCUR IN NEXT FEW DAYS, AS OTHER COMMUNIST FACTION TRY TO OUTDO MNLF AND AS OFFICIAL PREPARATIONS PROCEED FOR LOCAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AUG 31.
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